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 Applicant(s) : Louise Diane FARRAND et al.  
 Title: IONIC MESOGENIC COMPOUNDS

**RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS  
 UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 371  
 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)**

Commissioner for Patents  
 P.O. Box 1450  
 Alexandria, VA 11213-1450

Sir:

In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements dated November 15, 2005:

- ☒ Attached is a Declaration and Power of Attorney in compliance with 37 CFR § 1.53 along with the late filing surcharge of \$130.00
- ☒ Applicant(s) include an executed assignment and Recordation Form Cover Sheet with the recordation fee of \$40.00 (Check No. ).
- ☒ Attached is a copy of the Notification of Missing Requirements.
- ☒ Applicant(s) request that the time for taking action in this case be extended pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) for a period of four month(s) along with the fee of \$1590.00.
- ☐ Applicant(s) are entitled to small entity status.
- ☐ Attached is a verified English translation of the PCT publication along with the fee of \$130.00.
- ☐ Attached is a Preliminary Amendment.
- ☐ Applicant(s) include the extra claims fee of \$ for claims in excess of 20 per additional claim, for independent claims in excess of 3 per additional claim, and/or for multiple dependent claims.
- ☐ Attached is the Sequence Disclosure (paper/disk versions) with the appropriate statement as required

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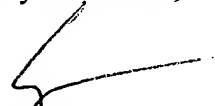
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- ☐ Attached is an Application Data Sheet (ADS).
- ☐ Attached are the substitute drawings as required.

Attached is a check in the amount of \$1720.00. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees under 37 CFR § 1.16 and § 1.17 which may be required to facilitate this filing, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account #13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,



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